| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21. | Sinhala | Sri Lanka | 7 | 2 |
| 22. | Swahili | East Africa | 8 | 8 |
| 23. | Tamil | S-E Asia and Sri Lanka | 3 | 2 |
| 24. | Telugu | S-E Asia | Nil | Nil |
| 25. | Thai | S-E Asia | 5 | 3 |
| 26. | Tibetan | Tibet autonomous region of Peoples Republic of China | 7 | 7 |
| 27. | Urdu | Pakistan/Indian Sub Continent | 9 | 5 |

(d) Some vacancies have been filled up following clearance under Annual Direct Recruitment Plan (ADRP). No time frame can be given for filling up the balance vacancies at this stage.

**Private entertainment and news channels**

1100. SHRI Y.P. TRIVEDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private T.V. entertainment channels and private T.V. news channels functioning in India; and

(b) the number of applications pending for license/permission by Government for starting private entertainment as well as news channels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) As on date, Ministry has permitted 381 private satellite TV channels to uplink from India as per uplinking guidelines, out of which, 201 are news and current affairs TV channels and 180 are non-news and current affairs TV channels. Besides this. 67 private satellite TV channels, uplinked from abroad, have also been permitted to downlike in India as per downlinking guidelines. Out of this, 14 are news and current affairs TV channels and 53 are non-news and current affairs TV channels. As such, total number of news and current affairs TV channels is 215 and number of non-news and current affairs TV channels is 233 under uplinking and downlinking guidelines.

(b) As on date, applications of 97 private satellite news and current affairs TV channels and 85 private satellite non-news and current affairs TV channels are at various stages of scrutiny in accordance with the existing uplinking and downlinking guidelines.

**Draft code content for TV programmes**

1101. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: